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US-Sudan Relations

- Minister of Defense Abdel Raheem Mohamed Hussein commented yesterday on alleged reports that the US wishes to change the military balance in Sudan in favor of the Government of South Sudan (GOSS). The Minister stated that the US administration has been providing support for Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) since its establishment, but that its recent announcement of intended support "reveals negative intentions towards peace in Sudan, which has been realized through various agreements in the South, the East and in Darfur."

The Minister further added: "US hostility towards Sudan has been there since the beginning, and has never ceased to exist. Washington does not wish for stability in Sudan. The main objective of this recent announcement by the US is to exert pressure on the Government to accept UN forces in Darfur." The Minister also argued that "if these UN forces were to solve the problem, we would have accepted them ourselves. We are certain that UN forces will worsen the crisis in Darfur and will leave the country and the whole region in sheer chaos."

The Minister of Defense concluded by saying, "If the US is keen on realizing peace in Darfur, it should exert pressure on rebels who refuse to sign the Abuja peace agreement and who continue to violate the cease-fire agreement in Darfur." (*Al-Sahafa*)

Darfur

- Clashes were renewed yesterday between the Turjum and Abbala tribes, resulting in the death of 23 and the injury of 17 in the region of Marayia Jingi, 50 km west of Nyala. Members of the Turjum tribe refused to bury their dead and accused the

border guards of attacking them. The Governor of Nyala, Mohamed El-Agib, stated that the incident was not based on tribal differences but rather the on theft of livestock. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Sudan Liberation Movement HQ Returned

- The Omdurman locality has returned the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) HQ in Omdurman after occupying it last week, following clashes between the SLM and police. The Government has also agreed to pay compensation to the SLM for those who were killed during the clashes. Meanwhile, residents of Omdurman have submitted a memo to the authorities calling for relocating the SLM HQ elsewhere. (*Al-Sahafa*)

South Sudan to Receive Mail Directly

- Authorities in Southern Sudan and Khartoum have signed an agreement that will allow the southern capital of Juba to receive mail directly for the first time. Currently letters headed for the South have to pass through northern Sudan. The agreement also means that the South can produce its own stamps, said the Southern Minister for Telecommunications and Postal Services. He added that the national postal service would now apply to the International Postal Union (IPU) for permission to make Juba a postal gateway. (*Al-Sahafa*)

Quote of the Day

**"We will not hand over any Sudanese to a foreign court to be tried." – Salah Abdalla Gosh
Head of Intelligence and Security.**

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